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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
FUMITAKA TOYOMURA, ET AL.) : Examiner: J. Han
Application No.: 09/963,569) : Group Art Unit: 2838
Filed: September 27, 2001) :
For: POWER CONVERTING) :
APPARATUS AND POWER) :
GENERATING APPARATUS) : October 17, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 1, 2003, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the Group I claims, namely Claims 1 to 21 and 36 to 38. The Restriction Requirement is, however, traversed.

Traversal is on the ground that there would not be undue burden in examining two groups of claims in a single application. In particular, MPEP § 808 makes clear that in order to require restriction between independent or distinct inventions, reasons for insisting upon a restriction requirement, such as undue burden, must also be shown. In the present instance, it is not believed that there would be undue burden in examining three groups of claims in a single application, since the three groups of claims are not so

different as would require a burden on the Examiner that is significantly beyond that of the normal burdens of examination.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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